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BRITISH RADIO AND PRESS, FOLLOWING ROUNDUP OF FORMER NAZI LEADERS REPORTED EMBASSY'S TELEGRAM 3907 JANUARY 16, HAVE CONTINUED TO GIVE IT SUSTAINED TOP COVERAGE TOGETHER WITH ITS SEQUELS, ADENAUER'S PRESS CONFERENCE WITH BRITISH PRESS CORRESPONDENTS, THE AMERICAN "GALLUP POLL" INDICATING GROWTH NEO-NAZISM, AND ADENAUER'S BROADCAST MONDAY NIGHT.

CONFINING ITSELF TO COMMENT ON ARRESTS, AN UNUSUAL TIMES EDITORIAL ON JANUARY 20 STRIKES NOTE OF SHARP CRITICISM SAYING GOVERNMENT "WOULD DO WELL TO LOSE NO MORE TIME ISSUING A FULL AND CLEAR STATEMENT GIVING THE REASONS AND THE EVIDENCE THAT PROMPTED THEM TO ACT." TIMES ADDS THAT IT CAN DO FEDREP GOVERNMENT "NOTHING BUT HARM IF THE BELIEF GROWS THAT A GROUP OF DISCREDITED POLITICAL DELINQUENTS COULD ENDANGER THEM." EVENING NEWS EDITORIAL JANUARY 19 COMMENDED GOVERNMENT ACTION AS DID SUNDAY OBSERVER JANUARY 18.

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TREVOR-ROPER IN SUNDAY EXPRESS JANUARY 18, LINKING EAST GERMAN CRISIS AND ARRESTS IN THE WEST, SPECULATES "EAST GERMANS WOULD SHED THEIR COMMUNISM, WEST GERMANS THEIR LIBERALISM... A NEW STATE WOULD THEN SUDDENLY HAVE BEEN FORMED, ARMED IN ADVANCE BY BOTH EAST AND WEST. SUCH AN ACHIEVEMENT IS NOT AT ALL IMPOSSIBLE... I BELIEVE THE CRISIS AND CONSPIRACIES IN EAST AND WEST GERMANY MAY IN FACT BE MUCH MORE CLOSELY CONNECTED THAN EITHER THE COMMIES OR THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAVE SO FAR DISCLOSED."

SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE DANGERS GERMAN REARMAMENT AND SWING TO RIGHT CONTINUES WITH DISCLOSURE OF POLL IN US ZONE. DAILY MAIL JANUARY 18 HEADLINES "GERMANY SWINGS PRO-NAZI, STARTLING US SURVEY REVEALS RAPID RISE IN NATIONALISM." NEWS CHRONICLE JANUARY 19 REPORTS "YOUNG GERMANS BACK NAZISM, MORE SAY HITLER WAS RIGHT." DAILY TELEGRAPH, MANCHESTER

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GUARDIAN, DAILY EXPRESS AND THE TIMES OF JANUARY 19 CARRY SIMILAR REPORTS WHILE GUARDIAN EMPHASIZES CRITICAL GERMAN REACTION TO ARRESTS.

ALL PAPERS OF JANUARY 20 GIVE TOP COVERAGE TO ADENAUER'S BROADCAST WITH POPULAR PRESS PLAYING UP HIS ALLEGED INDIGNATION.

DAILY MAIL JANUARY 20 CARRIES AP REPORT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT "UPSET" BY PUBLICATION PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY AND SAYS DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED US HIGH COMMISSION IN GERMANY WHY IT WAS MADE. "HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT INDICATED TODAY THAT THEY ARE SKEPTICAL OF THE ACCURACY OF THE POLL'S RESULTS."

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